

Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising the steps of:

(a) accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

(b) matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and

(c) updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein step (c) comprises the step of calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising the steps of:

(a) accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

- (b) matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and
(c) updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched
employment market category;

wherein step (c) comprises the steps of:

- incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and
- incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

5. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim [[1]] 3, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

6. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim [[1]] 3, wherein step (b) comprises the steps of:

- matching the employment resource to a raw category;
- matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
- matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

7-8. *(Cancelled)*

9. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim [[1]] 3, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:

sending a client request across the network to a server; and
receiving the employment resource via the network.

10. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, further comprising the steps of:

repeating steps (a) through (c) for each of a plurality of employment resources;

and

for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.

11-14. (*Cancelled*)

15. (*Currently Amended*) ~~The system of claim 13,~~ A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises means for calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

16. (*Currently Amended*) ~~The system of claim 13;~~ A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

means for incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

17. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

18. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;

means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

19-20. (*Cancelled*)

21. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and

means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

22. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 15, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

23. (*Currently Amended*) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a spider engine that accesses an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and

a statistical analysis engine that matches the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories~~[[,]]~~ and ~~updates at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category~~ calculates a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

24-25. (*Cancelled*)

26. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The computer program product of claim 24,~~ A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic stored therein, said computer program logic for generating employment market statistics from a network, wherein said computer program logic comprises:

means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises means for enabling the computer to calculate a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

27. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The computer program product of claim 24,~~ A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic stored therein, said computer program logic for generating employment market statistics from a network, wherein said computer program logic comprises:

means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for enabling the computer to increment a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

means for enabling the computer to increment a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

28. *(Currently Amended)* The computer program product of claim [[24]] 26, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

29. *(Currently Amended)* The computer program product of claim [[24]] 26, wherein said means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to a raw category;

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an interim category; and

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an employment market category.

30-31. (*Cancelled*)

32. (*Currently Amended*) The computer program product of claim [[24]] 26, wherein said means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource comprises:

means for enabling the computer to send a client request across the network to a server; and

means for enabling the computer to receive the employment resource via the network.

33. (*Currently Amended*) The computer program product of claim [[24]] 26, further comprising means for enabling the computer to plot the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

34. (*New*) The method of claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

35. (*New*) The method of claim 4, wherein step (b) comprises the steps of:
matching the employment resource to a raw category;

matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

36. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:
sending a client request across the network to a server; and
receiving the employment resource via the network.
37. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:
repeating steps (a) through (c) for each of a plurality of employment resources;
and
for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical
indicator.
38. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein each of the plurality of market categories
corresponds to a particular labor type and region.
39. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for matching the data to one
of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:
means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;
means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

40. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and

means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

41. (New) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

42. (New) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a spider engine that accesses an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and

a statistical analysis engine that matches the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories, wherein the statistical analysis engine increments a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume and increments a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

43. (New) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

44. (New) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to a raw category;

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an interim category; and

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an employment market category.

45. (New) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource comprises:

means for enabling the computer to send a client request across the network to a server; and

means for enabling the computer to receive the employment resource via the network.

46. (New) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising means for enabling the computer to plot the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.